Preface

This work is written based mostly on my personal opinion and I do not claim these writings as absolute. The work contains subjects which are mostly philosophical in nature while it also includes subjects like polity, religion, history, psychology and so on. Themes which are mostly discussed in this book are that of morality, wisdom, loyalty, betrayal, existentialism, rationality, Christianity, solutions… readers might come across strong assertions which might be offensive to people belonging to certain communities and for that I apologize beforehand, for it is not my intention to target a specific group and call them out. Readers might agree as well as disagree with many topics discussed in this book, I would like to highlight that criticisms are welcomed.

I have used quotes and examples from many authors that have made this book rich in content. Quotes and speeches from movies and series are also used extensively, in an attempt to enhance relatedness with modern readers.

Some readers might find that some passages are repetitive and at the same time contradicting each other. It is not a mistake but a theme which I hope they will understand once they read the entire book.

Again, I would like to stress the fact that this work is written based on my opinion, perspective and interpretation. I do not expect readers to accept what I wrote in this book, nor am I against any criticism they would like to put forth.

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Book 1

1. To the Person, who I cannot see or even feel with my 6 senses. But whom I know since the time I remember, I gained consciousness of the world in front of me, up till now and till I lay to rest. All those days I asked for wisdom, and I clearly see my wishes being fulfilled, but now I have turned away from the root of my wisdom and worshipped this new god called empiricism. Shame and foolishness I should feel but this snobbery have gotten the best of me, what is wisdom without the feature of humility in a man? Why do mortals become obnoxious and get plagued by hubris once they gain knowledge of high calibre? Is not humility one of the features of the intelligent? To know there is so much to know once you know so much. To be open to criticism and know that they have known nothing. In my loneliest time and in my search for an eternal companion I had a revelation that it is you who is. My friends who now and then bring up this discussion of "first love" have struck me to think that I have none, but then I recall and realize that it has always been you, right from my early schooling to my early adult years which is now. Every problem big or small, I would reach out to you, hoping that my problems will be solved, but sometimes I see that it was not so, and I can get so bitter. And then I recall not long ago I started asking for insights that you have given to one of yours, I aspired to also be the wisest man in my surrounding let alone the world, and I have indeed seen the divine touch of wisdom in my life so far. However, with wisdom comes the risk of falling into new more appealing temptations, things like alcohol, tobacco, lust, etc. which have no hold of me but this new threat, people call hubris in the form of rationality have appealed me so just like a white maiden in the dark forest. Today, I see myself torn between the world made of light which is made of faith and love, and the world of rationality and science which some might call "enlightenment". I am fighting this war, and I know deep in my heart the divine force reaches out to me but I being fed with the world's wisdom cannot totally fall on faith and discard rationality. The thin line between these two worlds is confusing and thus I must appeal once again to you who was before time and is now, to give me greater wisdom so that I might escape this phase of mischief and once again be joyous in full confidence in what is to come.

2. To the patriarch, who has functioned as the base and pillar of my moral conscience as well as for all my siblings. During time of celebration, he hath expressed his gratitude and sincere happiness, so much so that the world should know about it. Even greater still is his support during times of tribulation, the warmth and optimistic comfort I receive when I feel naught but despair. As far as I can recall, my childhood days were marked by teachings mainly taught by the matriarch whilst he stood in the sidelines. However, as a boy grows older eventually to a man and then the time comes for the patriarch to step in, although I fear it might be a little late to mould certain features like conservatism and practicing traditional duties, it is never too late to try to do the things we feel right even in the last moment. My elder sibling and my father share fond similarities like renouncing the worldly lifestyle to embrace the spiritual, which is a life of simplicity and one of worship to the creator. They might not see me as a person of the light but assuredly they can believe that I am neither a person of this world, shaped naturally by their presence and their countless words of devotion. The patriarch might fear for my soul as I grow older stretching my arms over this vast academical knowledge the world has to offer. It is indeed true that I may sometime show signs of detachment and agnostic behaviour, but they can be well-assured that I am in touch with the Divine that has been in this family since the time of our great ancestors who ruled a part of our nation. There's a saying, "most men receive their first flower after they die", also I hear people saying that "most people say good things about the other during their funeral". Keeping these in mind I would like to avoid that mistake and show my gratitude to the patriarch which is my father, and there will be times when we do not agree to certain things but that is what makes our family normal, and again addressing my relationship with the Divine, I am very well in touch with Him and He is also in touch with me. I know that one day when we perish from this soil, we will see our great ancestors in the beyond where we shall ask them questions of their adventures, which I am currently working on in this once great university.

3. I remember mother once said, "no place is too harsh to live for the wealthy". She is a traditional, conservative and a proud woman. She taught me virtues like self-respect, perfection, wisdom, reticence, and the sorts. She adheres to Christianity as much as her husband my father and my elder sibling does, and although sometimes differences take

place between me and them on grounds of empiricism versus faith, still we get along very well because we are bonded by blood and memories which no one can belittle. At the end of a long day, she is one person I can rely on when I fight against the world, for sometimes she glitches between the Christian morality and the traditional one. Once I remember she told me to hit back a bully to stop them from bothering me, this I could not understand because during religious gatherings they would teach us to show the other cheek. Nevertheless, it shows how human we are and maybe I have received this gift of criticality from her. She also has taught me a thing about love, I see that moral alikeness is crucial for a relationship to work out. My mother and my father do not share many interests be it in the field of sports, music, cinema, and even in the way they live, however, one thing that keeps them bonded is their love for the Christian God and of course their love for their children. They belong to the strong generation of less-complaints and more-actions unlike us. We do not earn bountiful but only a handful and yet our siblings are sent far away from home for our higher education with the little finance we have. In the end, they have full faith in God who would supply us whatever we need. I am also glad that none of our siblings are attached to the worldly desires and demand extravagant items (iPhone) as others do, for I have seen many struggling families in which the children are engrossed to the world's trend and feel left out if they do not possess materials other families do. My mother like my father fears for my soul and sometimes gets vexed when I tell her I do not perform the religious duties regularly, she reminds me, and she can feel me slipping from the path of righteousness. Yet again, I must assure her that I am not falling but that my way of viewing the divine and the mechanics of this so-called church is different and less traditional in outlook, my parents do not have anything to fear for i am one with them in devotion but the manner of my worship and criticism to the religious bodies might be heretic-like.

4. Once again, I have to bring up the discussion on my family, with the starting phrase, "no family should face the atrocity of being divided". Just as it is harmful for a kingdom or nation to be divided among in itself, a family whether nuclear or joint should not be divided. Time and time again in history we have seen how easily invaders occupy lands because the inhabitants were too busy grabbing each other's throats. The same logic could be applied

to a family, divisions which rise from elements like jealousy, misunderstandings, greed, lack of kindness, and so on. It makes the family vulnerable to outside threats who might want to intrude and destroy the once great reputable family. Forget about the threat of foreign invaders, it is a matter of shame for family members to fight amongst each other especially when they are all old adults, and they behave like high school students. Now going back to my joint-family, I should not be talking about them in this regard, but I feel it important to point it out, as a message to everyone as well as myself. The matriarchal family and the patriarchal are two different kinds of family that I have in terms of character specifically. The matriarchy is blessed with wisdom and love which the world covets, it is a strong bond that we all share with one another, cousins with uncles, aunties and grandparents we get along and have a healthy relationship. When it comes to our tribe, families do not keep in touch much except within the nuclear family and this is something I am proud of my matrilineal family. Whereas, speaking of the patrilineal side, cousins seem to have good relationships with not much encounter but devoid of negative elements, but when it comes to the uncles and aunts who are siblings, they have animosity within themselves based on emotions like pride, vengefulness, impatience, and the like. They do not see eye to eye and in fact talking about one of them, distraught the other in speaking ill of the other. The worse aspect of this scenario is the consciousness of neighbouring families which I fear would be a topic of discussion in their dinner table. Fortunately for me, both my parents are not just nominal believers in the Christian God, but they act naturally, they do not hold this animosity against any of the family member, but they try to bring about peace and unison to the larger joint-family. It is my burden to think how grandfather would feel about this since he was the progenitor of my parents' morality. Thus, I sometimes imagine how our siblings would end up. Being aware of this fragility, I hope we would not continue the legacy.

5. Depression is one subject that people tend to overlook, it is a matter which needs to be greatly stressed on without stereotyping or treating it as a disease which sometimes is censored. Everyone in this world goes through a form of sadness which leads to sanity questioning. The world before was indeed occupied by generations of strong-willed individuals like our parents who did not complain over trivial matters comparing to us, but

times have changed and we have become weak, and thus we need superior care for our lonesome minds. One person suffers from misfortunes in love relationship and decides after a long period of overthinking that maybe it was time that this came to an end. While the other suffers from brokenness in his or her family, misfortunes in his career and like the former decides to end it all. The pivotal thing to know is that, like how a soldier asks his comrade to end his life because of the physical pain, the emotional pain a person suffers is the same as much so that he wants to end it, but unlike the physical pain which one takes it as a matter of pride, emotional pain is looked down upon and people do not want to share it. Like self-immolation is an honour to the warrior, the pistol looks friendly to those who are drowning in despair. Might as well end this pain once and for all rather than suffer longer. What is the difference between me wanting to end it compared to a soldier who lost his legs and wanting to do the same? Why are you judging me with squinted eyes? Life was not given to me by my will, but it will be my will to take it. So, what then is the solution to this never-ending psychological nightmare? There's that saying of "when the going gets tough, the tough get going", but how long will the tough last? inevitably they will tire out and perish. The lowly in spirit do not just face one misfortune and then end it, they fought for so long but then realized it was wiser to give up. There's also that saying "in the end of the dark tunnel is the light waiting", so far what I have experienced is that friends are the most valuable remedy to this nightmare called life. Spending time with friends, sharing your problems no matter how small, you will realize they too have been hiding this pain, and you would realize you are not alone. Sadness is natural in human life and as iron sharpens iron, a human needs another human. I do not understand the seeking out of professional they call psychiatrists, you do not need a stranger to give you advice on life, in fact I have seen these so-called psychiatrists giving medicines like anti-depressants just to fill their pockets. Nothing is more beautiful than to live for someone.

Book 2

1. Will you ever, o my soul, be good and single, and one more open to view than the body which surrounds you? will you ever be full and without wants, setting your heart on nothing, not pleasure nor desiring time. Will you ever be satisfied with your present state and be ever pleased with every present circumstance. Will you persuade yourself that everything is yours; that all comes to you from God.[1]

2. When the sun falls in its time, I feel the light betray me.[2]

3. If history has taught us anything, it is that anyone can be killed. From kings to peasants, all are susceptible to death, even if those kings claim divine right.

4. Why do you worry how long you shall live? Throughout the ages great men come and all perish; live the time allotted to you with conscientiousness and when it is time, depart freely knowing every man must cease to live. Live today like it was your last day.

5. Dying is easy, I have to die only once. Living is difficult, I must die every day.

6. All the problems you face is not new to men. Throughout time and space, men have gone through what you are going through. Problems make a man! moulding him to achieve the highest form he can achieve.

7. The earth according to scientists is around 4.5 billion years old, comparing to that, the time allotted to you, to live here on earth is infinitesimal. Put this in mind and live with content.[3]

8. You have your way, I have mine. The right way, the correct way, it does not exist.[4]

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[1] *Ibid.*
[2] Linkin Park, Papercut.
[3] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations.*
[4] Friedrich Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra.*

9. The instructor in a class was explaining prejudice existing among genders. She explains, “a boy is given toys like guns and cars on his birthday while a girl is gifted dolls and toy houses.” Its baffling to think how the mindset of receiving toy guns and toy cars is greater than receiving dolls and toy houses. It sounds like a self-imposing stereotype.

10. The Ancient Greek philosophers like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle subscribe to wisdom as doing something virtuous and living a moral life. On the other hand, in the 19th century, scholars like Nietzsche asserts that morality is a man-made construct. Leaving us the less wise confused between what is virtuous and what is not.

11. The concept of good and evil cannot change overtime, for if it does it will lose its essence. And yet, it conforms to the existing society, it exists according to what the people believe is appropriate. For instance, being gay is seen as immoral in most past societies but today in the modern world, it is immoral to impose that gay people are immoral. Today, the concept of morality is under attack.

12. All things are subject to interpretation, whichever interpretation prevails at a given time is a function of power and not truth.[5]

13. When you die, you do not know the pain felt by others. Similar case for when you are a fool.

14. The longer I live, the more I realise why roosters start their day screaming.

15. The sheep spends its entire life fearing the wolf, only to be eaten by the shepherd.

16. All great men of history be it Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Gandhi, and so on have marked themselves in the history pages which the people study. One thing you have in common

[5] Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*.

with these great men is that you too will one day cease to exist. The legacy you choose to leave behind however will live on.

17. The best course of action when a drama seeker pokes you is to ignore them. If you react, it will only fuel their desire, and they will be fuelled to provoke you further. Ignore and be quiet, see how your silence humiliates them. It is a self-imposing trap they usually get ensnared on.

18. When someone has the intention of overtaking your position, let them do so. If you are competitive, you will get distracted and only hurt yourself whenever your so-called competitor gets the upper hand. In humility let them take your position. However, if you are embarking on the route to establish yourself as the sovereign, think carefully about the risk you are getting into. It might be or might not be worth your while, if you are successful, you will have the glory and the last laugh.

19. If someone gossips about you behind your back, do not return the favour but speak good of them to others. For when you do that, people will automatically believe you are a moral person, and their conscience will ally with you.

20. A person never regrets staying silent when he is provoked. For in the future, he still has a chance to voice his thoughts. Many words do not calm the storm but add more pressure to it. If you want to win just don't play the game.

21. People will go out their way to hurt and humiliate you but do not retaliate. Your rivals may try to influence your peers but do not fret. For in the end every human has a conscience, and they decide who is good and bad. The calm always wins the favour.

22. Even if people get swayed away because of lies and misinterpretation about you. You and the supreme being (if you're a believer) knows who is in the wrong, and in the end that's all that matters, is it not?

23. It is surprising to comprehend that some have reached the highest level of academics but still possess naïve personalities, carrying envy, vengeance, and desire to put others to shame. Modern entertainment such as series and movies which have dramatic plots make them believe that they are living a plot. It hurts them to realize that the people in the real world do not want to experience drama that exists in televisions and the internet.

24. Some people want to make their dull life interesting by stirring dramas using other people who are not interested at all. Stay away from such beings.

25. Live a life so honourable and good that when others speak ill of you, they will not believe it.

26. A person may have countless opinions and criticisms. It is best if he keeps that knowledge to himself because it is not appreciated by others, and he will only lose his dignity. If he wants to express himself however, he should only do it to his closest peers.

27. Betrayal comes only from those whom we trust.

28. Savagery is no match for skill.[6]

29. Genius is no guarantee of wisdom.[7]

[6] Quote taken from a video game called Mortal Kombat.
[7] Quote taken from a movie Oppenheimer (2023) directed by Christopher Nolan.

30. The highly educated having multiple degrees are employed in educational institutions but they sometimes lack the gift of teaching, for knowledge and parting knowledge are two different things.

31. The musician who is well-acquainted with theories and techniques impress. However, there is a difference between skilful playing and beautiful playing. A piece can be complex but tedious, while another piece can be simple yet beautiful.

32. The highly educated individual tends to question everything, and it becomes a trend in the field. He takes pride in his qualification and believes questioning is a sign of sophistication. They therefore naturally lack respect and do not give reverence to their superior. They possess knowledge but lack wisdom.

33. How comforting and delighting, when you have people you trust behind you, even when the whole world might be against you. The strength they give you to keep marching forward and see your victory, even when all the visible writings are against you. You strive forward knowing you have people besides you. It is a lovely and unique phenomenon. At all costs keep them safe and never disappoint them.

34. Everyone must face the dark side called the abyss, this encounter with the abyss will determine what person he is going to be. Face the abyss with all your gears but do not be corrupted as many have become.

35. We have both stared into the abyss. The difference between you and me however is that you blinked![8]

36. Death smiles at us all, all a man can do is smile back.[9]

[8] A quote by a fictional superhero Batman.
[9] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations.*

37. Meeting is sadness because we have to part. Parting is happiness because we will meet again.

38. The sting of betrayal, no one should ever experience, but if he does it makes him wiser and stronger. The cost however is to become insecure and hyper-contemplate. A friend bonded with trust and secrets broken. It is a shame for the oath breaker, no amount of gold can satisfy.

39. To destroy a relationship made by memories and secrets, just to gain appreciation and love from someone you admire, will never give you the fulfilment you so desire. It will end in devastation and neither the heavens nor the mortal world will hope for you to see your desires fulfilled. You would believe to have shattered your once close friend, but you would realise you have stepped on a mine placed by you.

40. The art of fleeing or running away is most preferable solution for almost every evil. Do not see nor hear evil, do not put yourself in a position where there is potential to cause evil. Flee from it, then there is no chance for you to fall into the traps made by evil forces. If the evil does persist, rebuke it either using words or actions until it flees from you instead.

Book 3

1. “When I was 16, I won a great victory. I felt in that moment I would live to be a hundred, now I know I shall not see 30”.[10] In our youth we are full of energy, and we accomplish great feats which gives us an adrenaline to accomplish more. The winds of winter however blow close by. Like the saying of King Baldwin IV, who believed to live very long. None of us know our end really, we strive to be the best, but circumstances of nature may anytime call us to retire. By knowing this, stay in humility and with meticulous planning proceed.

2. “A king may move a man, a father may claim a son, that man can also move himself, and only then does that man truly begin his own game. Remember that how so you are played and by whom, your soul is in your keeping alone, even though those who claim to play you be kings or men of power. When you stand before God, you cannot say, but I was told by other to do thus, or that virtue was not convenient at the time. This will not suffice, remember that.”[11]

3. The religious books, the bible in particular is subject to multiple interpretation based on the readers current emotion. Today, a passage may mean something and tomorrow that same passage might mean something else. This is the criticism of philosophy; it is not absolutely precise. Therefore, many church leaders and theologians have come up with their own interpretation and have distorted the church community, destroying the psychological sphere of the lesser aware congregation. Arguments have stirred up in the past among its followers because of this parallel interpretation, claiming it to be the work of the divine holy spirit. This is an unfortunate thing which leads to division and ultimately, the birth of denominations.

[10] A quote by King Baldwin IV from the movie Kingdom of Heaven (2005) directed by Scott Ridley.
[11] *Ibid.*

4. War is fought to bring about peace. The allied forces fought the Nazis for peace; the war was fought when a party had immoral ideas and started propagating them. The good battles the evil. In the end we see the triumph of good because humans are given a conscience of good and evil. The majority in always rally behind the good overpowering the evil, however, this is seen only at a grand scale like World War 2.

5. Strong men bring good times; good times bring weak men; weak men bring hard times; hard times bring strong men. Thus, the cycle continues in an infinite loop. A thought strikes me, that I am living in the era of weak men and soon hard times will strike us.

6. Do not complain when you face trouble. Trouble gives us the necessary training, both physically and mentally. It equips us with wisdom to face hardships and it is better for you to face them and develop experience. In contrast, a person with a life full of roses without thorns is a vulnerable person, ready to break any moment.

7. In Iraq, there is a book market open 24 hours in the street with no guards. A sign there says, “A person who reads does not steal and a person who steals does not read.”

8. Status is for men as beauty is for women.

9. A brave man knows when to be a coward. So, is he brave or is he wise? Every positive characteristic of a human always links back to wisdom.

10. Money is seen as an ultimate form of success. To live a worldly life, we need the means of money. Thus, if you are poor, you cannot be worldly. So, if money is the means to live a worldly life, are the poor saved naturally from this degenerate worldly lifestyle? Did they win or lose?

11. Love is subjective to interpretation of individual experience. One may define it in his own experience as positive, the other may disgrace it with his own experience. Feeling is subjective, there cannot be a definite explanation because every human face their

own fate in a different sort of experience. Therefore, keep this information in mind whenever you get in an argument lest you'd lose your dignity.

12. When you develop a habit, you do not find peace until you perform it. You cannot go to bed until you perform that habitual task you adopted. Be as it may unhealthy or healthy. Control your impulses and be vigilant about it.

13. Most unwanted things evolve from something small and avoidable to something large and unavoidable.

14. Do not be envious of evil doers, they lie in wait to shed blood setting a trap for passerby, while they are setting a trap for themselves. They cannot rest or sleep until they commit something evil. Flee from their company and do not envy their lifestyle.[12]

15. The consent of the majority should not be implemented on the minority. The minority, if they have personal opinion or preference should know they are not bound by the decision of the majority, the majority can have their way and the minority theirs. To a certain degree however, exercise cooperation.

16. Personal feelings and emotions always get into the realm of the public no matter how calm or rational a man might claim to be. Humans are driven by emotions and there is no stopping of it getting influenced unto the spheres of social organization. The differences in the degree of influence however can differ from person to person. One thing is certain, there is no solid unbiased element projected by a man in his social life.

17. People have adapted the art of speaking indirectly and very carefully to others that when someone gives a clear and direct instruction, they are fooled to think that it is harsh and impolite.

[12] *Holy Bible*, Proverbs 4.

18. Death is certain and uncertain. Seneca the Ancient Roman philosopher asserts that everyone must die but the manner in which they die is uncertain. Really? This cannot be absolutely true because many young people have timed their death accordingly, which we know as suicide. Also, some serial killers plan in taking people's lives thus predicting one's death. This reminds us once again that, the best way to predict the future is to plan it.

19. At a certain point in life everyone says, "we are old, and it is not respectable to behave in a certain manner." Hence, they avoid trouble and embarrassment, agreeing to everything. When one rises up and behave in a deviant way, the former joins the fray because he was not certain of himself initially.

20. We only hope when there is nothing else left to be done. Just waiting and expecting things to turn in our favour.

21. The possibility of predicting a future is possible if one takes things in his hands. The outcome of a result can be predicted based on your efforts and skills. We are thus reminded again of the sayings of Peter Drucker, "The best way to predict the future is to create it."

22. God has been here before the earth was formed; He is eternal. He went through and have heard complains of human beings since the dawn of the human race. He might be tired of hearing the same old strife and complaints faced by humans who nag throughout the ages. However, God is omnipotent and loving who never gets tired of sufferings faced by humans and will aid you with no effort.

23. If you were born poor, it is not your fault. If you die poor, it is your fault.

24. Try your best to be at peace with everyone. Respect the authorities in your sphere but at the same time do not be a sheep. If you get vexed by someone, correct him or blame

none. For in diplomacy, wisdom is refined, and relationships makes life wonderful, lest you keep it to yourself and whine forever.

25. The more a person reads and attain higher knowledge, the more he realises he knows nothing. Forget your own discipline, imagine the countless subjects be it sciences, humanities, arts, and so on, which are further divided into numerous specializations. You are not even well-versed in your own subject you chose to specialize. Thus, the saying, “The scholar knows too little in contrast to the ignorant who believes he knows everything”.

26. One life is too short to learn all the necessary knowledge, in fact it is too less to learn anything at all. The urge for me to be a disciple of other departments like that of Physics, Mathematics, Philosophy, and so on has left me distraught and overthinking. One must keep this in mind and not take the decision in choosing the subject he will study lightly. For I have seen many not thinking twice before opting a subject in their colleges and regretting it later. As for me, although I love my department, I am too selfish for knowledge and will never be satisfied.

27. Life is too long for the unambitious and lazy. On the contrary, life is too short for the dreamers and achievers. Be prudent in utilizing the time allotted to you.

28. Let us set aside the academic sphere and look into the other areas of knowledge. Many dream to be many things; an archer, swordsman, sharpshooter, or maybe in the field of sports many aspire to be a professional footballer, basketballer, etc. and some other still want to attain skill in all the above. Life is too short to achieve proficiency in all these. Therefore, a person must find out what he loves doing and invest in what he delights in but yet again I see most of us living the life others want us to live.

29. The concept of love sometimes seems overrated and its thrown away loosely. It is diluted and have become mainstream. It is high time everyone realises that love is subjective, and everyone has their own experience and definition. No one should come

up with their own personal definition and call it absolute, especially those driven by emotions after watching plays, be it movies or romantic series. Science says it is just a chemical reaction in your brain, and when that reaction fades, ones love for someone also fades.

30. If I die before I see my own marriage I shall accept it gladly, for marriage I have seen is a means of investing and not on the deeper concept called love. To seal one's own future, when I grow old and grey, a means to extend the bloodline and to have someone care for me. Many always question an aging bachelor, "who will tend for you when you grow old?"

31. Your own opinion stabs you when you see that, the like is not met with anyone in the world. The influential implement their opinion and if it contrasts with yours, it then becomes a hindrance. Cast away your opinion and see who hinders you then. It is you yourself.

32. A woman with the inner trait of submission, wisdom, versatility, soft-spoken, and conventional is someone most men seek. In reality, most men would sacrifice these traits for an outwardly beautiful appearance.

33. "I tried to be someone else, but nothing seems to change I know now, this is who I really am inside, finally found myself, fighting for a chance I know now. This is who I really am."[13]

34. Generalisation of a whole community because of the acts of handful belonging to that community is seriously naïve and unethical. Everyone, in every community have all sets of distinguished personalities which is shaped by the environment they were brought up in, be it their family or friends. Everyone's individual upbringing is pivotal, and it is irrational to generalise the whole community based on one man's actions.

[13] A line from the song *The Kill* by 30 Seconds to Mars.

35. The more numbers in any given situation, be it population, organic objects and inorganic, anything in particular. The more quantity, the more chances of uniqueness. The larger the number, the larger chances of positive skills and beauty in that particular group. In any case, the greater quantity of distinctness is present in numbers that are great. The potential of these group however is always ruined by the people in charge who are corrupt and undignified.

36. Everything on this planet; any event, any occurrence, that astonishes you happened before somewhere in some part of the globe. How hysterical when someone gets bewildered at anything. It just shows our mortal nature with its short mortal lifespan comparing to this old and ancient world.

37. Anything that has happened will happen again. Do not be deceived by the historians.

38. If emotions like love, ecstasy, fondness, joy or any psychological phenomena are just chemical reactions of our brain releasing dopamine and oxytocin, which sounds insignificant. How can we believe our own rationality? How can we have a code of philosophy or lifestyle based on emotions and morality? Are not they just release of chemicals in our brain? Then what is morality really, just human constructs?

39. Physicists believe that God is bound by the universe, and most events in the holy books are unscientific. If you think harder, don't you think that these laws of physics were made by a supreme entity who is known as God? If you take God as a fictional character, don't you think fictional characters have powers that defies the laws of Physics? Did gravity not exist before Newton discovered it?

40. If God is bound by space, time and matter then he is not God, that is what many do not understand. Further, God cannot be understood by the likes of mere mortal. If my 3-pound brain could comprehend God, then he is not so impressive.[14]

[14] Kent Hovind's argument during a debate against an Atheist.

41. Where have you seen God? And how sure are you of his existence that you worship him? “My soul I cannot see and yet I revere it. This too like God I continually feel his power and so I know he exists.”[15]

42. “Live a good life. If there are gods and they are just, then they will not care how devout you have been but will welcome you based on the virtues you have lived by. If there are gods, but unjust, then you should not want to worship them. If there are no gods, then you will be gone, but will have lived a noble life that will live on in the memories of your loved ones.”[16]

43. You ask me to prove the existence of a higher life, a supreme being that governs this universe. If I could prove his existence, then the whole world by now would be all believers. There’s a reason why it is called faith and without faith one cannot please God.

44. “Suppose that a god announced that you were going to die tomorrow or the day after. Unless you were a complete coward you wouldn’t make a fuss about which day it was, what difference could it make? Now recognize that the difference between years from now and tomorrow is just as small.”[17]

45. We have the power to form our own principles, thoughts and opinions. We are free to unchain ourselves from bearing an opinion. Thereby, freeing ourselves of the hindrance brought to us by the world’s opinion. The material world should have no power to shape our thoughts. Therefore, choose to be invulnerable.

46. Putting oneself in the peripheries of potential negative individuals raises the chance for one to commit a negative action. Therefore, stir clear of those individuals and reposition

[15] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*.
[16] *Ibid.*
[17] *Ibid.*

yourself to a place free from the likes of them, for many have fallen saying, tis nothing but a single time opportunity and action.

47. Fight or flight? When it comes to troubles encroaching the moral mind, the latter is encouraged.

48. Why do you trouble yourself with what others do or think and even waste your time trying to deduce their motives? There is no need for you to engage yourself in jesters that are unnecessary and might potentially be harmful. You gain some, you lose some and, in the end, it infests your mind with unhealthy scenarios and thoughts. Once you decide to entertain this thought, it will have no end and satisfaction, instead it will crave for more until you have nothing left.

49. The code of the infamous criminal organization, Mafia. “Never rat on your friends and trust no one”. Even though they are known to be notorious and immoral, one can say they have some level of honour and dignity.

50. “Trust only kin”.[18]

[18] A line from a show called Peaky Blinders.

Book 4

1. Feelings are but a distraction from the greater picture, it destroys a person's potential and if not careful, turns him into a waste of a human being. If the person is careful and sets his ambitions straight, the future can be determined in his favour in a providential manner. Humans are not designed to multitask; we are driven by emotions no matter how shrewd or tough we pretend to be. In the end, everything has its time and place. All the good things have its time, overdoing anything can destroy one's goal. One must thus observe abstinence and temperance, for everyone is responsible for one's future. The foolish live in ignorance and the wise rule over them.

2. There is no pre-ordained fate, everyone makes their own fate through multiple actions in one's life. Every action in life leads us to the point where we currently stand now. Every decision, movement, and speech that we perform takes us to an inevitable point.

3. Nobody pays heed to a person who rants on and on, even if it he speak the truth. No matter how true a person's speech is, if he does not control the excessive time taken to speak, his audience is lost. He does not only lose the focus of his audience, but he loses reverence held towards him by his admirers. No matter how true, it naturally seems dull and unimportant. Therefore, truth must be accompanied by the wisdom of imparting it.

4. As long as you do not harbour malice in your heart against others, there is nothing another man can do to manipulate your feelings. You live your life and do what you are expected to do. If others go out of their way to cause disruptions in your heart, you will not create any malice in your heart against them, because you have adopted the ability to deflect such negativity. In contrast, the people who are out to cause strife in your life, will instead get the repercussions because you have shown them no interest, which will infuriate them further.

5. A leader assigned to be a leader should automatically be aware of his duties and what is expected of him. Time comes when leaders experience vexation, when others try to overshadow him by trying to be the leader. The leader should not fret but approach it with humility and not show neither feel inferior. In fact, he should take it as a sign of relief that he can rest his burden on others.

6. "The first sign of a good leader is to not want to become a leader".[19]

7. If possible, exert yourself and show your capabilities. Lest you lose respect and dignity amongst peers. Nevertheless, the humble and wiser approach of refraining in showing one's prowess in inconvenient times is more desirable.

8. The hypersensitive social media platform has come up with a new slang called "snowflake".[20] The media today asks for your opinion but then ostracizes you when you express it, because it contradicts their opinion.

9. The Father teaches to retaliate and show that you are no one's subordinate. The mother teaches to show patience and humility. Wisdom has a hard time exercising their advice.

10. There is a scent that blows in the air, it takes one back to the happiest and most nostalgic days of the past. Only if one could be blown away in an instant with the scent of the wind. What are these but emotional hindrance that contributes to nothing in the end.

11. I often ask my creator to mould me into a man of patience, humility, kindness and other moral attributes. All I seem to receive is pain, suffering, tribulations and the like. Pondering back on all these, I realize that the greatest life values are taught by negative events which shapes us into a greater person. Moral characters are not endorsed in our life by a life full of roses.

[19] Quote taken from the movie *The Two Popes.*
[20] Snowflake means a person who easily gets annoyed.

12. The strength of one's mental health is determined by the sufferings and peace he has lived through. Regions where law and order are rigid, people live in peace, not experiencing disasters like war and death. People in these regions suffer from mental illness, namely depression, anxiety, and the like. In contrast, belligerent nations like that of the middle east where children and women see death on a daily basis have naturally adopted strong mental perseverance. The point of this is that trouble and pain train a person, while peace and flower make people vulnerable to small inconveniences. What will you do after knowing this wisdom?

13. You either cry about your inconvenience or you do something about it.

14. The phrase "expect the unexpected", has a fascinating thought. If you expect the unexpected, the unexpected becomes the expected. So what are you really expecting then?

15. Better keep your tongue tied then create conspiracies and enmities in the society.

16. On many occasions, many have fastened their funeral because of their tongue.

17. Be someone who is different from the rest of the crowd. Figure out something unique and do not be afraid to look different from your peers. Do not go around following popular judgement, people in the end are known for being different and the most different from the populace become revered. Different in this context denotes the positive outlook and not the degenerate one.

18. Who can say proudly that "look there is something new in the world"? very rarely someone has the opportunity to say that. The world is old and you a small part of it, both physically and timely. Think like an old entity and do not love life. Embrace death with gratitude and say goodbye to life with no resentment. For life is not given to you by your own will and so depart from it without your will.

19. Those who love life will die early and those who hate life will live long. This verse might seem literal but when one thinks harder, it simply denotes Einstein's theory of relativity. When one loves life, he enjoys life and have no consciousness of the time he spends, whereas the person who hates life sees time pass by slowly, as he hates every single day of it.

20. A person may be born in a foreign land and had his growing phase in that land, adopting its habitat, environment, culture, and so on. Despite all these absorptions of the foreign elements, that person can never be truly regarded as one of them. Eventually with time, he will realise that difference and truth. Further, he will realise that his true original kinsmen or say race will naturally accept him no matter how different he behaves or lives, because of the sole fact that his blood is of their own. Therefore, true equality in a diverse society cannot be achieved because, over time through history, people have taken pride in the concept of blood and individuality, right from the first Sumerian civilization to today's modern civilization.

21. The idea of "true equality", is a fantasy, a fable dream. One which can be regarded as dangerous and inefficient. Karl Marx's dream of a classless society where everyone is equal seems appealing but deceitful, for although it might seem virtuous and ethical, it is unrealistic and hazardous if one think meticulously. The idea of hierarchy is necessary in a society where authority has to exist to exercise its power with might and reverence from the folks. If all be equal and master to oneself, then no one would respect the law and its enforcers who are clearly above them. In that kind of utopian society, everyone would live as they please and no one would stop their disastrous schemes. This takes us back to the Theory of Rights which states, "no man can sabotage another man's right in the name of rights". Thus, to establish peace and order, class differences or hierarchical structure must exist in the so-called civilized world, be it literally or consciously.

22. If the concept of true equality is established, then it would rob the society of true justice. If a man works harder than the other, circumstances dictate that he will occupy a position

above the other. In this way every man makes his own destiny, the hardworking are destined to rule over the lazy.

23. A man must not be malevolent but must be capable of malevolence.

24. “A wise king does not seek out war but must be prepared for it.”[21]

25. Only the self-righteous and lazy preach on focusing on inner beauty, giving outmost priority only to devotion, putting aside physical training.

26. Sinners judge each other for sinning in a different manner. Cease shaming others for sins committed that are different from yours. Look at the dirt in your hands and when it is clean feel free to point at others. The irony is that, those clean hands will be dirty if you point at others.

27. If you live a moral life because you fear the potential of a higher being noting every step you take, or the fear of eternal damnation called Hell. Then you are not moral at all, for even the unrighteous fear the higher entity, be it law or someone divine that will extract punishment on the lawbreaker.

28. You do not become a leader to be acknowledged by everyone. A leader is one who is already acknowledged by everyone.

29. Doing a favour for someone, be it a stranger or a friend expecting a reward is natural. However, how many deeds have someone done for you generously without a reward? And how many have you helped without a second thought when all they gave was thanks or nothing at all?

30. It is rather pleasing to have friends who are equipped with distinct set of principles and philosophies that they adhere to. For rulers strive primarily due to the high level of wisdom

[21] Quote taken from the movie Thor.

their nobles and counsels have. For a commoner in the modern world, he lives based on the various counsel his friends have. In the end, it all falls onto the person's wisdom to take the better advice.

31. Many have friends who tell one the appealing counsel. Many have fallen to debauchery because of their friends who pushed them towards negativity, especially in the case of frowning upon someone. Fortunate is the one who have friends who gives him the cold reality, saving him from the snare of failure and wretchedness.

32. Hypocrisy, one must avoid as far as he can, silence is one way. Everyone in this world has a level of hypocrisy and they endanger themselves by blurting something uncalled for. The speaker says something, instructing the crowd, dispensing morality, and the sorts. In the outside, the same crowd sees things done by the speaker and concludes the speaker's hypocrisy. In turn, the same crowd is seen by another group and gets called being hypocrites. The cycle thus continues on and on until one individual decides to keep quiet.

33. Everyone tries to be the good hero, but old habits infused in the muscles do not just vanish.

34. Everybody talks about the early bird getting the worm, but nobody talks about the early worm getting eaten.

35. A person who has never gone through the consequences of the bad habits someone else is going through, cannot possibly understand that person. It may be smoking that leads to cancer, or alcohol that leads to kidney failure. The person who does not go through that suffering is not qualified to teach someone facing those sufferings. In contrast, people who claim to be righteous and free from those indulgences seem to always condemn those people who indulge in it.

36. How can you possibly defeat a man who is 100% focused on the task at hand, a person who does not distract himself, training himself for the event that is to come. A person in

the same field who is distracted by other engagements cannot possibly defeat the person who is fully committed to complete the task.

37. “I do not fear a man who practiced 10,000 kicks 1 time, I fear a mean who practiced 1 kick 10,000 times.”[22] The word taken out from this is “focus”. A person who is a jack of all trades but master of none cannot possibly handle competition. Humans do not have a lifespan to master multiple skill sets. Therefore, find your strength and strengthen it.

38. There cannot be a second time if there is not a first time.

39. Everything has its own time; wisdom is not getting confused with the time. While you are still young and pursuing your academics, be aware if you get into distractions like romance, sports, entertainment, and the like. You will have to divide your time accordingly, and not just time, but your health and wealth as well. Be very wise in calculating your time spent for many have destroyed their lives before their life even began.

40. Many die at 25 but get buried at 70.

41. “Stop debating on what a good person is. Behave like one.”[23]

42. Saying nothing means something.

43. Receiving no message is also a message.

44. Silence also has a voice.

45. Diplomacy is an ultimate principle one can live by. When it comes to humans who are social animals, everything can be sorted out through peaceful conversations. Whether it be with your superiors, colleagues, friends, partners, enemies, everyone. Pride leads us to

[22] A quote by Bruce Lee.
[23] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*.

come up with our own assumptions on things that need dialogical exposure. When we swallow our pride and communicate, often it turns out that the other party had the same instinct, and it was something trivial.

46. Christianity has fooled us into believing that, being rich is evil and poor is righteous.

47. The problem with Christian philosophy is that its people take pride in suffering instead of trying to find a solution of the suffering.

48. A discussion holds no value if no one in the group has knowledge on the subject.

49. Chivalrous people are prone to act for others then themselves because they are well-experienced of the pain one faces when no one reaches their hand out. Again, there exists a set of people who do things better for others then themselves even if it is the same action required. This is because they know it is more painful and perhaps shameful when someone expects something of you, but you disappoint, in contrast to results that is only going to affect you. And yet again there exists another set of people who only care about themselves and would not be ashamed of disappointing others.

50. When you plan to borrow something from others, also plan on how to repay them.

51. The cognitive abilities of a dog cannot comprehend the cognitive abilities of a human being. The dog will never understand how a motor engine works. Similarly, humans will never be able to comprehend the Creator's way of doing things.

52. Is success really what others see in you? Supposing you have earned wealth and riches, you are logically seen as successful by the world. You have to ask yourself, what of your vision? Are you really going to be successful when you gain only the riches of this world? Is money the quintessential object of determining success? In the end, even though society sees wealth as success, deep down every person has his longingness of something that he cannot obtain.

53. What is the point of running if you're running the wrong way?

54. Everybody loves the art of music. It is the genre that separates individuals.

55. The one asking a question is a fool for a moment but the one who never asks a question is a fool for a lifetime.[24]

56. A person who says, he has never made mistakes is a person who never tried something new.[25]

57. The smart knows how to get out of a problem. The wise does not get into a problem.

58. The smart speaks because he believes he knows a significant lot and no one can put him to shame, in fact he calls for challenges. The wise thinks and decides that it is trivial to put on a show. The smart has the urge to prove himself through the knowledge he has garnered, the wise meanwhile just wants to live in peace.

59. The smart answers all the questions asked, but the wise only answers when he is called for and when there is no one that can answer.

60. The smart tries his best to stand out but the wise is content when he can rely on someone.

61. The smart gets rubbed when someone gets all the attention, the wise gets the attention.

62. Humans tend to get bored of things that are repetitive, it is fascinating at first sight, but things get tedious overtime. This can be the reason why old people seem to be always calm because almost nothing is new to them. This is proven when an old man is nonchalant at everything except the mobile technology that is new to him.

[24] A Confucius saying.
[25] A quote by Albert Einstein.

63. It must be tedious for the Creator who is older than the universe to see the same thing over and over again. Maybe that is why He is so interested in Human beings, because of their given ability to invent something new from the resources the universe has provided.

64. An untrue statement, if repeated and quoted time and time again will eventually unravel to be the truth in the minds of the people, especially when that statement is passed on to newer generations who are obscure of the past.

65. Do not worry about what tomorrow will bring or how you are going to face tomorrow. The same mind that helped you go through today's problem will help you solve tomorrow's problem.[26]

66. Yesterday's wisdom has helped you go through yesterday; the present mind is helping you right now. Tomorrow, your future wisdom will help you.

67. The things that you have now were things that you wished you had before.[27]

68. All the treasures in this world a man possesses. In the end, he only requires a land big enough to hold his cold body.

69. Cease having haughty eyes and self-righteousness when you attain knowledge greater than others. The knowledgeable are humble and a prideful scholar is a snob.

70. Humility is life's greatest partner; pride destroys the potential of a skilful artist.

71. The teacher prepares his students for the exams to come. The great teacher prepares his students both for exams and life that is to come after graduation.

[26] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations.*
[27] A quote from Epicurus.

72. The disgraceful teacher only teaches material knowledge and hurries to get his leave, while the teacher everyone loves teaches not only the syllabus required, but imparts moral conducts, for he is happier when his students pass both in paper and character.

73. Everyone has an ideal concept of a perfect love partner, but no one really does get their ideal lover. He or she finds an appealing unknown trait in the lover that he or she never fathomed existed.

74. For perfection is not love, love is loving the imperfection.

Book 5

1. An Arab proverb says, when you try to kill yourself and jump into the water, you find yourself struggling to stay afloat. This is because, “you want to kill a part of yourself inside of you”.

2. Discipline is doing the productive thing that you do not want to do.

3. The athlete does not want to wake up on a cold winter morning, but he has to do it so that he can be better or be on par with other competing athletes. The athlete who fails to regularly exercise will fall behind the one who does not. Even if he loses the competition to a better athlete, he is now better than yesterday and lives to win another day.

4. An unbeaten streak of discipline can be instantly broken and not recovered if at one point a person decides to do the other. Take for example, when a regular student skips one day of class, he is encouraged to repeat it a second time, because he thinks that his streak is broken so why bother. Therefore, one must not fall behind even for a day. One time leads to second time.

5. Be grateful for all the little things, you only realize it’s worth once it is taken from you. Breathing is a natural process but when one catches a cold, he reminisces the time his nose was not blocked.

6. Do not boast about your status, your family heritage, things you have that are posh, or visiting sites others are not privileged of. Refrain from talking about yourself, divert the conversation if the spotlight falls on you. A man of high status who owns prestigious possessions is admired when he does not talk about it rather than the one who always makes it about himself.

7. The concept of morality once again is argued by some as a man-made construct. Hatred and negative emotions come naturally, it is not man-made and through this, one can distinct morality from the immoral. Every human possesses a conscience that tells them eventually what is right and wrong. However, one can destroy his sense of morality by taking part in immoral acts over and over again. Some have lost guilt and shame because their life is filled with debauchery which leads their mind to believe that debauchery is normalized.

8. Hatred brings unity in the society more than love. The iconic ancient Greek states of Sparta and Athens were mortal enemies who eventually formed an alliance against the common hatred of the invading Persians. A common enemy brings people together. Most nations and races would be at war if not for the existence of common enemies. With this context, it would be favourable if an alien entity from outer space threatens earth which would lead to the utopian united state of the people of earth.

9. When a person begins to love he must bear the potential of excreting hatred for the one he or she loves in the future.

10. Everything in this world is futile, what do humans' profit after labouring their whole lives beneath the sun? People come and people go but the earth is the same. Since the dawn of time, the sun rises from the east and sets in the west. Waters flow from the rivers and streams to the oceans, yet the oceans are never full. The eye is never satisfied of what it sees neither the ear of what it hears. Everything that has been done will be done again. No one truly remembers the bygone people. Soon the present will also be forgotten. Everything is pointless and tedious.[28]

11. We came to this world possessing nothing and so we shall depart from it taking nothing.

12. Wealth is meaningless, "I built houses and planted gardens, all lands of edibles. I bought slaves and they multiplied through procreation in my house. I owned cattle and livestock more than any man. I saved silver and gold. I had harems, a delight for a

[28] *Holy Bible,* Ecclesiastes 1:8.

man's heart. I became greater than any before me. I did not refuse anything my heart desired. Everything my hands worked for; I gained the rewards of my toils. In the end, it was all nothing but a chasing after the wind".[29]

13. Who believes the doctrine of Karma? Who believes that all the corrupt rich face some kind of internal hardships because of their corrupt actions? Everyone has internal dissensions in their family, the poor made up a concept of divine justice towards the corrupt rich because they do not want to accept their laziness that led them to poverty. The sun shines on both the rich and poor and so does misfortunes.

14. The destiny of the foolish which is death will also overtake the wise. So, what do the wise gain by being wise?[30]

15. I hated living because the toiling done under the sun was frustrating, and for what? To pass the rewards down to the one who comes after me. God only knows whether that one who will succeed me will be wise of foolish. Yet, he will possess everything I had worked for, all the sweat and time I worked on. Therefore, I gave up hope on working hard.[31]

16. Why is the Christian so selfish by saying that one will lose everything if he gains the world, whilst his soul is lost. The world is made up of connections. Once you gain the world, your offsprings will not have to work like a slave like you did in your quest for wealth. Your family name will be exalted in the society and your children will eat its fruit. A lazy Christian using this excuse have condemned his offsprings to poverty.

17. "Everything you say should be true but not everything true should be said."[32]

18. "The darker the night, the brighter the stars. The deeper the grief, the closer is God."[33]

[29] *Ibid.*
[30] *Ibid.*
[31] *Ibid.*
[32] Quote by Voltaire.
[33] Quote by Dostoyevsky.

19. Attempt to calm an angry mob with reason is like jumping into the fire with gasoline. Here again, silence is the keyword. From your perspective as well as the perspective of a sane man, you are trying to do the right thing, but the right thing is the last thing an angry mob care about. For morality is subjective, a Christian teaching may contradict a Muslim teaching and when both defends it with their life, it results in a war.

20. Friends leave and family stay afar. In times of need, family is never far. One call of distress and they will be there the next, but sometimes a close friend nearby is better than a family afar.

21. How unfortunate to see families crumble due to selfishness and pride over holdings, it is one of life's most unfortunate events.

22. Parents must never have to bury their own children; it is one of the most painful and cruel things in life.

23. And I hated emotions and feelings because it clouded my judgement and wisdom. Therefore, I tried to denounce all things coming from the heart. In the end, Humans cannot fight emotions that is naturally inherent in them. What is life but full of emotions which makes life worth living, even so I detest it, because it clouds my intellect.

24. The only thing that can blind a man as smart as you is love.[34]

25. The pros of possessing a normal mediocre mind in contrast to an intelligent one is that, the vast majority possess mediocre minds which is usually foolish. Therefore, when a decision must be made for the public in a democracy, the mediocre always wins, even though it be foolish. This is why we are doomed to be ruled by fools, and the irony is that the wise who are in the helm of affairs are aware of this, but in order to please the larger mediocre population, they execute their mediocre desires.

[34] Peaky Blinders, Polly's quote to Tommy.

26. How can you be so incompetent by thinking that, the current partner you stole from another person will never be stolen again from you by another? Honour is priceless but rare.

27. With regards to honour, it is well-evident in man that the honourable one automatically receives respect. One may die because of this honour but his family will be hailed and respected by the community.

28. If you are assigned something to do, no matter how small or insignificant, do it diligently because a person who cannot be entrusted with small assignments cannot be entrusted with bigger and more important assignments.

29. To the leader of any social group, execute your tasks and responsibilities with full efforts, with no malice and wickedness in your heart. Do not be blinded by emotions, no matter what the people may say or think, they will rally behind an ethical person regardless of your birth status or beliefs.

30. If someone bothers you, say it out. If you do not have the courage to do that then stop complaining.

31. The world in this century is polarised. With respect to morality, is it really difficult to differentiate the right from wrong? Humans in this era seems to be confused and in the name of modernity they twist the wrong to right and the vice-versa. Debates on morality can go on and on, everyone lives by a moral principle while some others try to push their morals into others. In times of confusion, religious scriptures come to play, while many should know that morality is embedded in one's consciousness.

32. The sun shines on both the wicked and the righteous. The rain pours on both the wicked and the righteous. With this, know that troubles fall on both the wicked and the righteous. It is the way in which these two set of people deal with trouble that ultimately differentiates them.

33. Every day you wake up, knowing you will be doing the same thing every day. Going to the bathroom, washing your face, brushing your teeth, getting ready for work or school, and the list goes on. One might thus at a point contemplate how repetitive and tedious life really is, and in a moment, you would see that person perish but the earth continues its rotation.

34. Wisdom and knowledge are the most envious quality that a man can have and coveted. The wise however ironically and generally possess grief and sadness in their lives. Boredom and lack of vigour plagues them, they realise the futility of life unlike the mediocre who enjoys without contemplating for the future. This teaches us one thing, everything has a price, even the good things. The price of wisdom is bliss.

35. What is the true meaning behind one's existence? What is one's true purpose really? The Christian says, to fulfil God's command of spreading the gospel. The Nihilist says, it has no meaning. The Hedonist says, to enjoy life to the fullest. Is there no general purpose or truth? Did everyone make up their own meaning of life?

36. Better do everything yourself and give it your best then put the burden on someone else, who would care less and then later make you bitter about it.

37. The most hardworking in the team wishes that he could clone himself and make his own team.

38. Compromization and adaptation are truly two great qualities of a human being.

39. Listen to the old and experienced, observe their calmness and panic. If you are worried of something and you tell them about it, if they are calm then worry no more because they know its nothing serious and they have also gone through that. The panic starts when the experienced have no idea about the nature to your problem.

40. There is the smart individual who is efficient and thorough with everything, executes his duties flawlessly but people resent him. Why so? It's because intelligence is no

guarantee of social welfare. Character and Intelligence are two separate pillars of wisdom.

41. There was a King who thought winning and ruling were the same thing.

42. The proverb, “There is a time and place for everything”, is a timeless proverb. However, it only gets installed by someone in their life when they experience an embarrassing situation. If you wear an outfit meant for a date in a school as a student, the dress might be pretty but in the school it would be ugly. Further, if you wear a Sunday dress meant for church services but no one in the church wears a similar clothing, it would be awkward and embarrassing. The society decides what is the right time and place.

43. Fool me once shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. With regards to this, there are many of you who argue that forgiveness is not fulfilled until you reconcile, whereas it is clearly known that you should avoid negative energy emitted by certain people. Forgiveness does not necessarily mean reconciliation, staying away from negativity is part of being wise. It would be foolish to forgive and stay in the same house as a serpent.

44. It is best to be a listener when you are having a conversation with someone who you are not well-acquainted with. Unwanted secrets may be revealed automatically for the tongue cannot be tamed. When speaking of someone, it is best if you let that someone speak for himself and not you for him, unless you are praising him.

45. True equality cannot be achieved in a society, for no one is equal in the first place. Some are born stronger, smarter, and faster, some genes are more efficient than others in certain fields. Beside the natural gifts, hardworking people will be one step ahead of the lazy, it would be unequal if everyone was equal.

46. The worst form of equality is trying to make unequal things equal.[35]

[35] Aristotle’s saying.

47. Who is a Liberal? Accepting changing norms and ethical values? If we take examples of abortion and homosexuality, in the past, most society see this as evil and was restricted but today most societies in the name of liberalism and advancement have accepted it. So, it begs us the question, what would happen in the future then? Will actions like murder and adultery be seen as redundant too? Is Morality evolving?

48. Evil which is enforced by the state of law and legislature does not make it less evil just because it is a law enforced by authority. Evil is evil. It should not change. So then, what is evil? Who decides what is evil? The holy books? There can be no end to this argument. Humans have moral compass yes, but that same compass in the past is different than today. Most evil of the past are legalized today.

49. Many have chosen not to love after a traumatizing heartbreak event. It is a safe step, but you have taken into consideration the experience of trauma that make a person wiser and stronger. People who have never experienced heartbreak are less empathetic and leans towards foolishness. Traumas teaches us life's lesson for the future so that we might be more vigilant next time.

50. What are you doing with your life? Why do you sleep unnaturally late at night? You wake up when its lunch time. You scroll through your phone 90% of the time. Therefore, sit down, read some books, visit your friends, drink tea, go to the park, hit the gym, play sports, and so on. Focus on the things that last which makes you a better human tomorrow.

51. To the student, what are you doing with the time allotted to you? Do you just loiter around the campus or streets with your friends looking for trivial matters like pleasure to kill time? Do not conform to the trends of the society that your peers keep, escape this façade of pleasure. Do you really believe that youth is all about pleasure and unproductive events? Certainly, there is a time for that and also a time for you to work for your future. How many students have passed out from institutions but yet are doing nothing? They have no goals and ambitions in their heart. Do you want to end up like

them? They have chased pleasure during their time and now they suffer. Remember, a successful person is one who did the boring thing while others weren't.

52. You argue, youth is for making memories through pleasure. Well that certainly is but that's not it! You should not confuse full time pleasure with balanced lifestyle. Wisdom comes in handy where you know how to divide you pleasures from work. If you are not careful and ramble on about your youthly privilege and enjoy it, you will realize it was just yesterday when you were young.

53. Good memories of youth can turn into bad memories if you're an unsuccessful adult.

54. As a person grows older, he finds boredom in staying idle, unlike his childhood times, where holidays were interesting and fun. In old age it is tedious to do nothing and having errands makes one fulfilling.

55. If a man lives to be an immortal, will he accumulate all the wisdom the world has to offer? Indeed, the world will unravel itself upon him, but the possibility lurks where a man as he grows older becomes more stubborn as is the case for most aged people. Will he then be perverse towards the knowledge that the world showers? Or is immortal wisdom just a fantastical theory?

56. Nothing pleasures a man like having someone depend on him, the status of an indispensable element. This satisfies human being's ego, too much of it may however turn into a burden.

57. When a person becomes too self-centred and selfish, he wants everything for himself at the price of others wellbeing. When will his trust be quenched, it cannot! The pit in his selfish heart has no bottom. He gains the whole world but still is not satisfied and then he becomes lonely. He knows his selfishness but it is too late for him to turnback thus, a meal becomes a banquet when you eat alone.

58. Why do you bother what religious teachers in your sects condemn you for? Whatever you do either devotion or sin, do you believe that God is the one who will ultimately

judge you and put you to trial? Men who have taken the role of religious authorities place their own concept of good and they condemn or praise you based on it. That is insignificant, do not seek their approval but seek approval from above.

59. You are not the one to condemn someone who you believe is not following the path of righteousness like you. Every human succumbs to fall, and no one is eternally holy. If you judge someone, they will also have some points against you, sins that you commit in the dark or that you are unaware of.

60. A person needs two things in life: Family and Friends.

61. As long as you have the feeling of want, you will fall prey to disappointment but if you are ambitionless and without wants, you will have a life of boredom and nihilism. It is our wants and ambitions that gives us the thrill of success. Without the risk of disappointments there can be no thrill of success.

62. The Justice system exists to bring the guilty to punishment and restore social order. The key line here is also for you to not take actions against the guilty who have wronged you but let the law handle it. This is to save you from the endless cycle of evil that may be triggered between you and the offender.

63. The best lessons are not learnt through success and joyous events, but through disappointments and failures. The strong rise stronger after calculating their mistakes and fixing it, becoming more efficient in the process. The fragile hearted on the other gets buried in gloom.

64. The person who comes out of his comfort zone accepting every new opportunity alien to him thrives and learn a significant lot. Woe to him who remains isolated and prefers to play along with what he is only comfortable at.

65. In times of depression and low heartedness, my friends and loved ones give me strength to live another day for I know if I perish, they will be disheartened.

66. These are the burdens and the benefits of a leader; to carry the weight of failure of the whole group on his shoulders and at the same time enjoy the utmost glory of victory of the group.

67. There is no peace until the task pending is accomplished. Does not matter whether it fails or is successful. It is a relief even if it fails. The feeling of annoyance when a task is pending is a sign of responsibility and a quality of an honourable person.

68. Everyone should maintain a sort of reticence with people, to pull back something not meant for others to hear. Everything you say must be true but everything true should not be said.

69. In an organization of selected leaders, if a decision is passed without the knowledge of the other members, it is usually regarded as disrespectful. There is no harm to ask the consent of the other members even if the two do not see eye to eye. This kind of events lead to future strife and quaking inside the organization which inevitably leads to disintegration.

70. The body needs sleep, but the mind says otherwise. Will power take you only so far, complying with the adherence of nature is best in order to execute and function in full capacity. The body and the mind may have opposing ideas; however, the mind must be the master of the body.

71. To keep oneself occupied and busy is the most recommendable advice for a person experiencing sadness and depression. Having a purpose in the form of tasks given to you by someone else or scheduling one's tasks is helpful in living a healthy lifestyle.

72. One might realize the bitter truth of purposelessness in this world. In the end the delusional and believer of purpose is happier than the rationalist.

Book 6

1. Develop a habit of doing something productive every day, develop a sense of satisfaction whenever you perform a productive task; do this and you will find a means to escape melancholy.

2. Making a scene in the name of discipline in front of everyone is also a sign of ill-discipline. If you wish to rebuke someone because of their ill-disciplined lifestyle, then do so but in secret. If you truly care for them, you should not humiliate them in front of others, or do you even care?

3. What is considered good and bad manners in your society and culture may not be the same for someone hailing from a different region with a different culture. What is good and bad manners then? Simply which is progressive and efficient.

4. It is dangerous to have an influential man as your enemy, do not be foolish to provoke him unless you are well aware of your own influence.

5. Justice does not always prevail in this accursed world where the system is run by people of influence, that is why religion created the concept of ultimate justice whereby after death, everyone will be judged by God who is fair and just. This gives people hope of the injustice they face in this earth and that God will bring those injustice players to justice.

6. Attention seekers and drama makers destroy themselves because their heart is manipulated by what others do and think. They cannot rest until their victims react in a way, and if they do not play their game, they drown in their own thoughts.

7. Who is more hated than the one who takes one part of the truth and constructs his own deceptive story in that truth. Once they are exposed no one can trust them again, they may have their way initially but their plots and schemes in the end always come to light and they beg for sympathy.

8. There is a scientific theory which claims that cold does not exist, and it is just the absence of heat. Similarly, shadow does not exist without the existence of light. Evil and good are bipolar, without evil there can be no concept of good and vice-versa.

9. People do not always act on purpose with a plan for a higher cause. Sometimes people operate just because they feel like it. Analysts bring out deceptive reasoning on those people and their actions which can be totally false. With that being said, a person with no plan is the most unpredictable for he himself do not know his course of actions.

10. A lie becomes a truth when it is said again and again for a long period of time.

11. A competitive person enjoys competition until he starts to lose.

12. Cross checking information is extremely recommended. One narrator says something while the other says another. It blinds peoples view and outlook on a subject matter. Listening to multiple sources from different angles gives a coherent and nigh-truthful conclusion.

13. It is not hard to believe the truth, it is hard to accept it.

14. You prayed day and night for getting into an institution, a subject you chose personally. You were very excited and happy when you got into your desired institution, why then do you now regret and show insincerity to your academic life? Why do you disrespect yourself?

15. The loyalty of the subjects in unison with the wisdom of the crown is the most efficient combination any society can hope to have.

16. Who can tell me something that is absolutely true? That there is no single voice of criticism and opposition against it?

17. Man is taught his whole life on how to treat a woman but not what to expect from a woman. A woman is taught her whole life on what to expect from a man but not how to treat a man.

18. A generous friend gives and teaches you two things: to either take advantage of generous people like him or to self-contemplate what a hideous human you are, to change your ways and adopt a personality like the said friend. It is unfortunate that many are not aware of their shameful selfishness and continue to live a life of scavenging.

19. It is taken as obnoxious when someone consoles or rebukes a person, if he himself has not experienced the problem the grieving person is facing.

20. White lies are the same as delusions, it is used to console friends and family to recover from times of emotional distress. It might not be factual, but it certainly helps in feeling better.

21. If the concept of purpose on this world and eternal life after death does not exist, what are we really living for? One may call it delusional but what can be really said? There is no existence of concrete proof of these fable ideas. Question arises in mind that humans have advanced so far and yet so little has been discovered, further the human brain can comprehend so little in this uncountable universe, science have left theories and what ifs to the incomprehensible, the afterlife might be just one of them.

22. In the end, the delusional man who believes in purpose and life after death lives a happier life then the scientific and rational man. Interestingly, King Solomon the wisest man claimed by the Bible, asserts that being sad and truthful is better than being happy and delusional.

23. One fine night you start to ponder; “I want to die!” And then after a quiet gap you think, actually I want a cup of coffee, maybe I want a nap, a sandwich, a book. You realize that slowly “I want to die” turns to I want to go home and see my family, I want to go to class and see my friends, I want to see the sun set, I want to eat my favourite food, I want to watch that movie. I want to live!

24. Do you want to stop living or stop how you are living?

25. Do you love the person or the idea of loving the person?

26. When we are on a journey to a destination, we sometimes miss the journey instead of the destination. I am not talking about traveling.

27. We do not miss the football games of our youth; we miss our teammates.

28. The more you know, the less you know.

29. Times have changed, but for the worse.

30. If a person tells you that he is lying, you can believe him.[36]

31. Keeping oneself busy in place of suffering through boredom and depression is a helpful tactic. However, the question is what activities are you doing to keep yourself occupied? There are the healthy activities and the one that kills. Extreme consumption of alcohol with friends and causing trouble? Whoring around? It is critical to check what you are indulging with to keep yourself busy. Healthy habits include athleticism, reading books, hitting the gym, and so on.

32. It is baffling that negative qualities like envy, pride, anger, gives a person the drive to do better and win.

33. Life is very short and anxious for those who forget the past, neglect the present, and fear the future.[37]

34. The unknown terrains of the future can be daunting, but living in constant fear of what lies ahead diminishes our present experiences and it paralyzes our actions. Instead of dreading the future, recognizing its potential and meeting it with preparedness can turn apprehension into anticipation.

[36] John Barth, *The Floating Opera*, p. 53.
[37] Sayings of Seneca.

35. How frustrating for the wise man to be part of a group filled with simpleton who discuss trivial matters and suggestions so naïve and simple. This is one reason why prudent people are loners.

36. The Christian gets obnoxious when another engages in non-church activities especially on a Sunday. Also, the Christian finds joy when a Hindu consumes beef which the Hindu is not supposed to. Seeing it as a sign of detaching from his belief and slowly maybe drifting to Christianity.

37. A non-Christian consumes beef, and you do not. Did anything bad fall upon him? He and his ancestors have been living like this since time immemorial, nothing unnatural fell on him. Same for Christians, did anything evil fall on those who do not engage in church activities like the ones active? The key lesson here is, the holy books are free for everyone to read, we rely on religious leaders to tell us what to do and what not, while the books say something else. Great examples are Martin Luther and Ram Mohan Roy who were initially called Heretics but today are hailed as saints.

38. There is a thin line where godly duties overlaps tradition. Church going becomes part of a communal tradition. Just as Christmas is celebrated in the world with many unaware of why it is celebrated. The west did this and now the east follow, Christmas is seen as a day of gifts and barbecue while some use it to engage in unholy activities which I will not mention. The world including Christians themselves have forgotten its meaning. Soon, church going will be seen as a cultural routine and the real meaning behind it i.e. communion with God will be forgotten. This has already taken place in many parts of the world.

39. Better for the wise to be alone and lonely then force themselves to engage with mediocrity. Forcing one's intellect to supress to fit in is harmful. Same way, the good should not be depressed if he chooses to be alone and feel like a loser away from evil companions.

40. Unless someone is brave enough to tell the truth that might get himself ostracized or even killed, the world will live in a delusion. Take the case of Martin Luther, he was seen as a heretic and an enemy of God (Church). Now we see him as a man of God possessing true knowledge of spirituality, while in his time the people called him a heretic. Now in this era, if I point out a major error in the church or a particular point in the belief system, I would be seen as a heretic and a fool by the society as well as my family. Years will pass when maybe one day I will be hailed as a reformer like that of Martin Luther.

41. A leader must maintain equity and fair play, not only in the realm of judgment but in his own personal life. This is a sacrifice he must take. When for instance, he falls in love, there is a natural tendency to lean on emotions rather than rationality, peers are aware of that vulnerability. Whether or not he is being partial or fair, the natural tendency of humans concludes the leader is leaning on someone he has feelings for. His reputation and outlook totally change, this is one of the great sacrifices he must make.

42. Death is necessary. It is part of life, and if we say life is a blessing, we must say death is a blessing as well.[38]

43. A woman was asked what she would like to be reincarnated as in the next life. She replied, "It would be better if I never get reincarnated".

44. Everyone gets scared, but all that means is everyone gets the opportunity to fight that fear. Everyone gets the chance to be courageous.[39]

45. If God did not send his son to condemn the world, then I doubt he sent you.

46. There was an academician who was the best in his field, second to none, top among his colleagues. He worked 10 times more than the others, yet he was subordinate to his colleagues, his knowledge was unmatched, but then why was that so? Why is he not the head or leader? Clear reason is academics, and knowledge does not equal to wisdom and craftiness. The others had social manipulation and connection skills in the so-called

[38] Wonder woman, DC Comics.
[39] Batman, DC Comics.

hierarchy. Thus, we can learn that intellect is broadly categorized into two – Bookish knowledge and real-world wisdom.

47. War and conflicts which is in consistency brings development in the innovative field. Regular warfare obliges a nation to boost its mental capabilities in advancing minds and ideas, the ultimatum is served to them "be better or die trying". The Europeans are the perfect examples of this, they were in constant rivalry with each other and therefore it triggered an armed race, thus, they had to give it their all to advance further than the other. This led to a drastic event of colonialization to acquire raw materials to boost their military equipment, which the rest of the world suffered. In simple words, rivalries and competitions are essential to develop one's capabilities.

48. Internal power struggle, no matter what the scale; a country, a state, an institution, a classroom. Whatever causes room for manipulation and destruction ultimately leads to an invader destroying them. In history, we have seen the destruction of a nation; while the competitors are engaged in their internal feuds, their reputation and strength get exhausted, so much so, they totally ignore the impending foreign force, plus they do not care if it happens. The moral here is, "a kingdom divided among itself cannot stand".

49. Worry is like a debt you do not owe.[40]

50. A person who seeks to destroy, gradually destroys himself.

51. Having a broken and shameful past is no excuse for a foul behaviour. A person does not have the privilege to be an obnoxious offender to the society because of the merit of belonging to a broken social group when he or she was young. In fact, he or she must learn to be better from the experience, rather than blame it.

52. It is selfish to think and live a life of this, that others should suffer the same because you are suffering the like.

[40] Sayings of Mark Twain.

53. How many friendships and relationships have been severed and turned because of a simple misunderstanding, maybe as a rumour which is deceitful? Cross checking every information from both parties is extremely vital. Pride comes to play and friends who were once bonded by memories are trying to destroy each other, only to find years later that it was a misinterpretation. Now consider the years wasted.

54. A family member responds to any problem you bring out though they may stay miles away. A broken family is a great misfortune, but in times like these, a friend sticks closer than a sibling.

55. Your first speech presentation will be horrendous, your first football game will be sloppy, your first driving will be dangerous. Every skill, the initial stage is always bad. Every professional world champion started out as a rookie; they were also once in your level. Belief, commitment and consistency with the right technique makes a person unbeatable.

56. Respect was created to cover the empty space where love should have.[41]

57. The greatest and most important problems of life are all fundamentally insoluble. They can never be solved but only outgrown.[42]

58. Do not enjoy the same old things every time you are free, be it going for a drink, going to a concert, dating, and so on. Do not enjoy this repetitive unproductive event that people have called “life”.

59. We understand a child when he is afraid of the dark. The complication comes when a man is afraid of the light.[43]

60. Happy is the man who can make others better, not merely when he is in their company, but even when he is in their thoughts.[44]

[41] Leo Tolstoy’s saying.
[42] Carl Jung’s saying.
[43] Plato’s saying.
[44] Seneca’s saying.

61. The wisest of all in my opinion is he who can, if only once a month, call himself a fool.[45]

62. We all have to die, the goal is not to live forever, the goal is to create something that will.

63. When I criticize a system, they believe I criticize them and that is of course because they accept the system and identify themselves with it.[46]

64. There cannot really be a corrupt factor when a teacher and student have a strong bond. When a teacher is fond of a particular student, who can say that the student is being corrupt and thus, the institution favours him?

65. Just like the strong storm brings winter, a total change in the atmosphere. So does a person change when a powerful event takes hold of him. The results are not seen immediately but later it makes itself known through actions.

[45] Dostoyevsky's saying.
[46] Thomas Merton's saying.

Book 7

1. One who uses hatred and deceit as a common ground to garner support and allies is the one who will ironically get the support. Manipulation and diplomacy come in handy when a vast majority propagate something that seems immoral, it automatically registers as moral in the subconscious mind. In other words, lies repeated again and again becomes the truth.

2. Evil for evil cannot be justified, one claims to be right while the other also claims the same and explains. The debate can go on forever for who is right and who is wrong, but the debate on lives lost cannot take place.

3. The one who only wants to speak, who want to have the spotlight for himself, one who wants everybody to listen to him without others speaking, is one who suffers from narcissism and lack of empathy. In the end, no one would like to sit in his company, and he will not understand why because he is too caught up in his own bubble of ego. The mistake he makes is believing that his opinions are the absolute truth thus, he does not give others the chance to share their perspective ultimately leading to his own obnoxious aura.

4. A wise man avoids sitting in the company of loud mouths and prideful speakers because he does not want to give them the feeling of satisfaction. The prudent knows, it is better not to be in a place where there is potential of tedious and senseless snobbery.

5. Who does this land belong to? One argues that their ancestors stayed here 2000 years ago or so, the other counters that it was a long time ago and it is void. These two groups of people then start gearing up for war, inevitably leading to thousands of deaths. The world sees and takes their sides. The debate of “to whom does this land belong to?” reaches a deadlock. In the end, who was really right? Whom did the land really belonged to? These are uncertain things that can be argued forever.

6. Rethinking Marcus Aurelius’ wisdom, “everything you hear is an opinion”. This proverb or phrase is quite complicated than expected. What I think is right or what you think is

right might be not be right for another. For instance, the Muslim believes Allah is the only true God while the Christian believes its Jesus. Even in the scientific field, the flat earth believer does not believe in a spherical earth. What is then truly true? Everything is an opinion. If you disagree with this then that too is your opinion.

7. When the child has grown, the dream is gone.

8. I would not presume to tell you what to do with you past. Just that there are those of us who care about what you do with your future.[47]

9. With every decision you take, keep in mind it affects those around you, the people you care and those who care for you. It is not only your decision for it has a reaction and potentially change the people's destiny who are in your social circle.

10. Numerous times a man holds on to his decision to preserve his honour, it is not always for the general good.

11. Justice and grace together are a paradox. Both are right, moral and a dilemma. The murderer deserves death which will be justice for the victim's family. At the same time if the victim's family forgives the murderer and gives him a second chance, that is also moral.

12. Argument is a fool's idea of glory, the prudent makes no room to have one. A person who thinks of himself as wise or smart is a fool by default. One who seeks arguments to prove his intellectual superiority is a laughingstock who loses his integrity and honour.

13. There is no room for lukewarm in a society, they are prone to betray and have no solid foundation. Woe to his friends and family who trusts him.

14. A teacher's word is not absolute nor true, but it holds authenticity and credibility, especially when it comes to social arguments that has no formal setting. Take feminism, religious, and political debates. For instance, one might lean on the left or right side of the argument,

[47] Alfred Pennyworth's quote from the DC Comic Batman.

but neither can be absolute. Feelings can go to the length of saying that even murder as an offense is a social construct, that everything is an opinion.

15. As far as possible, do not make a fool of yourself by being in a position where your honour would be shaken. You must keep a certain level of respect and boundary with everyone, especially your subordinates, or your words will be taken lightly, and you will lose respect.

16. Let those who howl and complain about things concerning you continue, they are just walking into their own demise that they themselves have orchestrated. Even though you are tempted to retaliate, do nothing. Even if you do, do it in a subtle manner whereby you would not degrade yourself in the process. The best thing is to stay as far away as possible from those kinds of people.

17. Do not take commands, insults, and degradation to the face, if you hold a prestigious position in a group let no one belittle you. Show your power but in a subtle manner, everything is wisdom. Perfect time to wait, perfect time to strike, and so on.

18. The era I am currently living in is a waste of human excuse and a whole load of attention seeking lifestyle. People are upset of people who mind their own business, and while they look fabulous outside, they have nothing inside, both morally and intellectually. Further, they believe that their ideology should be everyone else's, and when it is not so, they frame others of deceit and malice, calling names. When others do not engage in their struggle, they call those non-engagers names and poke them into taking part in their struggle.

19. Once again, I delve into the sayings of Aurelius, "everything is an opinion. With examples clearer, feminists believe in equality and radical feminists believe in superiority while the patriarch believe it's a myth. One parent is fine with his child being queer seeing no moral questions while the other is strictly against it because of moral feelings. The correct and true moral law, does it even exist? My opinion of "everything is an opinion" is also an opinion, and some scientists or even mediocre will not agree with given suitable examples, and that too is their opinion.

20. It is idiotic and unfortunate when a person resents another, and that person tells it to everyone in his social sphere about that person he resents. The idiotic part is that, the group do not even personally know the resented individual, but they still develop resent. The unfortunate part is that the resented person might be a good chap but due to fallacy or misinterpretation he is being resented by the whole group.

21. You can save a suicidal person by giving them something to live for. One way is to make a bond with them (preferably friendship), whereby you make them live for you. Depending on them for things which might be small or big. Reach out to them and share your problems making them feel important (genuine if possible). Suicidal people are the most caring for they know the pain, once you create a bond and depend on them, they will not leave this world and leave you alone, they will live for you.

22. A kind and caring person must bear the burden of consistency. Once the kind persona is gone, the recipients do not know how to react to it and people also tend to believe that the dark side is the true side.

23. Why must the dark side of someone be his true side? What about the 99% of the times he was a good person of the light? Why must one weak moment of someone be called his true self?

24. A friend to all is a friend to none.[48]

25. The seeker of attention and lover of limelight always live in fear and distraught, that anytime another might take their place.

26. There are always procedures and rational steps before pouncing on a convicted individual. People who jump to conclusions and decisions without cross examinations are awaited by a pool of regret which takes place after a dreadful result.

[48] Aristotle's saying.

27. Humiliation and embarrassment feel worse than gloom and melancholy. Depression on the other hand is prolonged sadness which is worse and unfortunate then humiliation because the latter can be looked over in a short time.

28. The best remedy for anything negative in nature is always to stay away from it.

29. A person who does not believe in right and wrong is a sorry person, he destroys himself as well as his peers.

30. If the whole world opines an immoral act as moral, it does not make it moral. Who then can really judge what is moral when the whole world has opined against it? Does not the world decide everything?

31. A person who is forgiving in nature is a joyous person. The wise on the other does not let himself be in a position where others need forgiving.

32. The society you are raised in decides your moral conscience. Islam dictates it normal to marry a 9-year-old while the west detests it as the most horrible of sins.

33. What is better? To be born good or overcome evil with effort?[49]

34. And when nobody wakes you up in the morning, and when nobody waits for you at night, and when you can do whatever, you want. What do you call it, freedom or loneliness?[50]

[49] A quote from the video game Skyrim.
[50] Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being.*

Book 8

1. Just as life was not given to you by your choice, death will not be given to you by your choice. Unless you commit the grievous of sins.

2. In anything you do, ask yourself. Is this necessary?[51]

3. You say, "not everything that is entertaining is productive". Well, one must ask oneself whether this so-called entertainment has consumed his whole life force. Has this entertainment become a daily lifestyle of one's being? Has this displaced the time and routine in which one once practiced productive activities? Too much of entertaining events lead to destruction of one's life. Therefore, tame entertainment or be a captive to its destructive fate.

4. Do not be blinded by the societal pressure of the so called saying, "we live only once" or the saying, "life is meant to be enjoyed". This has ruined many men whose destinies were to conquer nations but reduced to be a keyboard warrior in mass media against those great men who are up on the stage.

5. Everything is permitted, but not everything is beneficial.[52]

6. A knowledgeable man, who is above the average population is conscious that he does not know many. On the contrary, a man who knows significantly less believes that he knows a significant lot. Therefore, if a man thinks he knows something, know that he does not know anything.

[51] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations.*
[52] *Holy Bible,* 1 Corinthians 10:23.

7. The idea of a perfect human being is not of a scholarly one, nor one of athletics but a composition and synthesis of both.[53] Other traits might be contested but these two are universal.

8. If a person protrudes in my business of being a leader, I should and would gladly step down, for many cases of schisms have this particular element. Whether it be in churches, universities, companies, and so on. I would scorn myself if I was to be the cause of division, for division destroys an organization and makes us vulnerable to foreign hostilities.

9. One would grab the potential of fame and glory which indeed should be grabbed. Names glorified and etched in stone is tempting. Wonder why so many religious fathers discard this thought.

10. Now then, how many countless souls, who in humility gave up their crown for others. How many unseen men in reality deserves bountiful praise but their legacy because of their selfless acts were omitted out of the pages of recognition. The idea of a supreme being is called for, in order that these men be rewarded in the beyond.

11. In the field of faith and religion, a person doing unseen moral work is in the end rewarded. What if there is no such thing as divine providence or a supernatural force that oversees everything? Then, are the works of these unseen people gone in vain? Ask yourself this, are you doing good because you expect good to boomerang back at you? If so, then your virtues are invalid.

12. A fool seems wise if he does not speak.[54]

13. An awareness exists in society that beggars use the money given to them for intoxicated products. Whether or not this awareness is absolute remains devious. However, this should

[53] Plato,
[54] *Holy Bible,* Proverbs 17:28.

not be used as a justification to restrain alms to the poor. This saying or awareness should be eliminated among the religious communities.

14. The contemporary populace detests religious speakers in their surroundings, particularly Christian speakers. Focal reason is the presence of hypocrisy in Christianity where the believers preach but act in two contrasting ways. One preaches in the synagogue while ignores a man lying on the street, one talks about giving generously while looting the ignorant.

15. The selfish-foolish religious leader hates the intelligent because he prevents him from saying something that would fool the congregation while benefiting him. The educated knows and checks the leader when he tries to trick the common masses, he wishes the educated was not present in the hall so he could blabber what he has in mind which is unethical but impulsive.

16. Religious institutions are a spectrum for teaching morality to the congregation, but it gets corrupted when they utilize it as a platform to preach their personal beliefs, affecting the mediocre and their family who cannot discern truth from something truish.

17. The Crown and the Faith must never interweave. For throughout history it has brought nothing but the collapse of mighty kingdoms.

18. The uprising against modern machines by religious institutions like that of mobile phones, computers, etc. was uncalled for. People are frightened of something new which is not mentioned in their holy texts and thus claim it as evil. A rather appalling phenomenon in a conservative society.

19. I am not upset when someone lies to me, I am upset because, from that moment forth I have one less trustworthy person in my life.[55]

[55] Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*.

20. We put ourselves first in every situation but when it comes to opinion, we put other's opinion first instead of ours.[56]

21. Everybody has the right to believe in whatever they want to believe, no matter how illogical. Thus, I also have the right to believe that their beliefs are ridiculous.

22. What is good and what is evil? Here's a thought, conservative families regard women dressing modestly a good trait and the revealing evil. One says, it is merely an old custom to adhere to. The question therefore springs up, is good and evil evolving or changing as time passes? Can the concept of morality evolve or change? What is seen evil thousands of years ago is today, moral. Thus, society decides what is good and evil.

23. Intangible constructs cannot have a definite explanation, every human has his own definition based on what they feel. Love, hate, envy, and the like are all open to human interpretation, based on individual's experience. Material objects which science studies have absolute definitions (more or less) while feelings are subject to interpretation.

24. Gravity exists, yes! The earth is spherical yes! Love is blind? Not to all! This is love and this is not. To some it is and to some it is not. There cannot be an absolute truth when it comes to the emotional experience.

25. We have a conscience of the ethical world, that is what separates us from the animals. Do not let that conscience be diluted.

[56] Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*.

Book 9

1. “Once upon a time, the Hidden Leaf Nation grew too powerful. To protect its interests, it waged wars against neighboring villages, profiting from the conflict. Without these wars, its people would have starved. But as a result, our small nation and its villages became the battlegrounds where the great nations clashed. Each time they fought, our land was ravaged and left in ruins. Over time, the great nations stabilized, but our smaller nation suffered immensely, barely able to recover. You and I are seeking the same thing—peace, as our master envisioned. We are driven by our desire for peace and justice. The justice I delivered against your village is no different from what you now seek against me. We both know the pain of losing something dear, and that pain fuels our actions. You pursue your justice, and I pursue mine. We are ordinary men, driven by vengeance in the name of justice. But when vengeance is called justice, it only breeds more vengeance, creating an endless cycle of hatred. This is the world we live in—a cycle of hatred. I know the past, and I can foresee the future. It will be no different from our history. We believe that humans cannot truly understand one another, and they never will. This world is ruled by hatred, and hatred alone.”[57]

2. “Wake up to realism. In this flawed and unpredictable world, nothing ever goes as planned. The longer you live, the more you come to understand that pain, suffering, and futility are the only constants in this existence. Look around—everywhere there is light, shadows inevitably follow. The concept of victory cannot exist without defeat, just as peace cannot be sought without the risk of war. Even the noblest intentions, like preserving love or peace, can give rise to hatred and conflict. This is the paradox of life, where opposing forces are forever intertwined.”[58]

3. “May I ask a question: are all humans truly equal? As a wise man once said, Heaven does not create one person above or below another. These words are often quoted, but the reality is more complex. While we may start equal at birth, differences soon emerge. For example,

[57] A speech given by Pain, a character from the anime series *Naruto Shippuden.*
[58] A speech given by Madara, a character from the anime series *Naruto Shippuden.*

academic effort can elevate some individuals above others. Over time, people change based on their actions and choices. In truth, equality often feels like an ideal rather than a reality. Many of us spend our lives ignoring the fact that we live in a merit-based society, where success is often tied to individual effort and achievement."[59]

4. "There are many kinds of monsters that frighten me: monsters who wreak havoc from the shadows, monsters who steal children away, monsters who consume dreams, monsters who thirst for blood... and then, there are the monsters who do nothing but lie. These lying monsters are the most troublesome of all. They are far more cunning than the rest. They disguise themselves as humans, yet they know nothing of the human heart. They eat without ever feeling hunger, study without any passion for knowledge, and seek friendship without understanding how to love. These monsters, who wear the mask of humanity, are perhaps the most dangerous of all."[60]

5. Did God create human beings or human beings created God?

6. Humans are the only failed creation of God.

7. A person may find himself growing distant from the spiritual lifestyle, the Christians call it sliding back, the atheist may call it enlightenment. One calls it dark behaviour the other calls it light. In the present, it is extremely difficult to deny that there is a higher being and at the same it is also difficult to say that the higher being is necessarily from one of the religions of the world. A person can only doubt and question the existence of a higher lifeform and hope that this higher being would show revelation. However, some teachings give great honour to those who believe without evidence.

8. The most hideous of all creatures can be none other than a human being. Living creatures with high intellectual capability has the potential to be evil and terrifying at a massive scale. Fools and nitwits do not possess the potential to be hazardously evil even if they are

[59] A speech given by Ayanokoji from the anime series, *Classroom of the Elite.*
[60] A speech given by Lawliet from the anime series, *Death Note.*

inherently evil. A good example will be the infamous Austrian painter who conducted experiments on fellow humans in the most gruesome and unimaginable way. Another example will be a genius sociopath who uses people's feeling for one's pleasure which might not be productive at all but for the sheer pleasure. Fools do not have that capability, to manipulate someone and enjoy seeing them tortured. In the end, someone with greater intelligence of the light must come forth and destroy the evil genius.

9. No one can remain number one forever; age catches up to everyone.

10. Land belongs to whoever has the power to hold it. We did not come here from heaven, every single one of our races have migrated from somewhere that we cannot trace back. Some fought and killed off the previous inhabitants who did the same to the previous and so on. One race claims their ancestors lived here 1000 years ago, while the other claims that it was a long time ago, and that it belongs to them now. Thus, they cannot come to a conclusion and therefore as always, conflict breaks out in the form of war and in the end the victor claims the land. All throughout history we have seen the stronger race with their stronger army invading and defeating the weaker race which leads to the conquest of the latter. Even if there are moral grounds to hold the invaders accountable for, in the end the victors make the laws. Alexander marched his army throughout Eastern Europe and Central Asia conquering each and every territory he passed by, who knows how many innocent lives he had taken, but that does not matter for he marked himself in history as one of the earliest conquerors the world has seen. Then we go on to see the rise of the Roman Empire which started from Rome, Italy which expanded throughout the Mediterranean peripheries up till Northern Africa and as far north as the United Kingdom. Caesar conquered lands through violence and blood, do you think that the people who were slaughtered complained that it was their right to live? And that their ancestors lived in those lands and so Caesar or Alexander had no right to take that away from them? Don't humour the world! The absolute reality is this, that the stronger destroys the weaker and take what they want from the defeated. Many in today's day and age profess that, Darwin's theory of "survival of the fittest" is outdated, but we can clearly see that it is not. Russia takes land for their strategic benefits and so does America, Morality is not greater than security. Now, the perfect examples are the two endless warring states of Israel and Palestine, Israel claims that their

ancestors from the time of King David have inhabited Israel for a thousand years, Palestine claims that it was eons ago, and it is not a valid argument. Prior to the Crusades, the Muslims had occupied Jerusalem with the power of the powerful Caliphates but then the zealous Christian knights from Europe descended into the holy land claiming it for their God, Christ. The aftermath was the fall of Jerusalem to the Christian Crusaders in 1099. However, after a hundred years, the Islamic power under Saladin recaptured Jerusalem, and after which again the reconquest of Jerusalem was called by the Christians, but they could not take Jerusalem. Here, we see again that force plays a mighty role, the Muslims under the Caliphates had controlled Jerusalem for a long time but then a stronger threat in the form of the Christian Knights emerged and indeed they were stronger and overtook Jerusalem. Then Saladin with his greater strength recaptured Jerusalem. If not for their superior strength, the land Jerusalem would never be under the Christians nor the Muslims. Whoever has the power to hold it will ultimately hold it. Today, the struggle continues between the Jews and the Muslims with the Christians siding towards the Jews. Questions arise in debates throughout the globe, the question of morality, of killing innocent lives both men, women and children alike. Calling each other names like Murderer, Genocidal maniacs and so on. Morality and virtue occupy secondary position in these situations, both sides lay blame to one another, but again like history has taught us humans, situations will always favour the stronger force. The debate can go on forever as long as they like, but the question of "Who does the land belong to"? it will always be "the one who has the power to hold it".

Book 10

Religion has always been the source of contention between communities, we have seen this right from the medieval era in Europe where the Christians fought against the Muslims. Leading to major battles like the Siege of Jerusalem, Battle of Vienna and the Fall of Constantinople. Later we see the Christians fighting amongst themselves in the name of denomination. Aside from Europe, other places like the middle east where the never-ending war between the Jews and the neighbouring Islamic states go on. Atheists claim that religion has been the major cause of every war this planet has seen. If we look at examples close to home, we see that India is torn between two major religious communities i.e. the Hindus and the Muslims, and with the latest regime this has taken further toll. Not even the Christians or Buddhists are at peace. However, these religious wars usually have political propaganda, since the time of the British in India, they have used the tool of "divide and rule". They used the weapon of Communalism against the Indian communities to effectively rule the country. It is unfortunate as well as remarkable to say that these religious contentions were not as massive during the pre-British era, although the country have seen Islamic rule for about 400 years, during that time it was all merely political and fight for supremacy of the distinct states rather than a fight on religious grounds. The current population with its innovative cinema depicts history as always being a religious battle. However, historians have deduced that the truth is so far, and all these are remnants of the colonial rule that divided the Indian society. It is saddening to see that the general population are not enlightened, and they are aggravating the flames of division on the grounds of creed.

This rich and diverse nation was once at the top of world economy, religious harmony also existed with the Sultans inter-marrying with the proud Rajput race. There were also military alliances between these two different religious states against common foes who belonged to either of the two religions. So, what went wrong? First of all, like discussed, it is the seeds of division sown by the colonial regime called the British Empire. However, like how you cannot blame someone for influencing you to commit murder, you cannot put blame on someone who manipulated your moral behaviour. For in the end, it is you who is in control. However, this nation is far from dispensing

proper education to all its citizens and only the privileged have seen through this obscure mask of communal disharmony.

Since Ancient times, the Vedic faith or now called Hinduism have evolved, the caste system which shows the priests or Brahmins occupying the top position in the society was abolished by the modern Indian constitution. Still people cannot truly place the political law above religious law. The world has seen reformations in many religions and just like the Reformation Movement in Europe that was linked to the Catholic Church's orthodox corrupt function, so did Hinduism faced a reformation movement that would be called Bhakti Movement. The devotees from the Southern part of India realized the corrupt nature of the Brahmin class, their demand for extravagant supplies to perform rituals and practices, the strict unethical Varna system, and the function of the Brahmins as an intermediary to the divine. However, all these reformations saw further divisions in the country. Christians now no longer follow the same doctrine, and they have decided to attack each other's denomination, treating it as a different religion. In fact, many lives were lost because of these denominational differences. The Bhakti movement too initially saw a better way of worship but today it has almost faded, and the old ways have returned, the caste system is ever prevalent, and the Brahmins occupy a position of eminence.

The main obstacle of these religious zealousness is the influence of emotional feelings over rational understanding. One of the best examples can be seen in the field of academic writings, specifically History. With the rise of communal feelings, people with their religious affiliation want to demean the other and promote theirs in a glorified manner. They have discarded reality and evidence for a fake scenario. You cannot talk about Rana Sanga without Babur, Maharana Pratap without Akbar, and Shivaji Maharaj without Aurangzeb. The debate of who is greater can go on forever, but the sole reality is that the Islamic empire established themselves as one of the biggest empires the nation has seen in its history. Their contributions in fields like art, architecture, cuisine, administration, and literature is massive. Today, we are faced with a terrible onslaught to remove all these factual information from the masses while promoting one's own religious interest.

The many Indian historians who themselves are Hindu assert that, these removing and fabrication of history is harmful, and they promote reality and truth no matter how painful the historical truth might be for them. The irony of all these is that people want to believe the fabrications shown in Indian cinema rather than pick up a history book written by professors. To top all that tomfoolery,

the masses in turn, call these books fabricated and manipulated while believing cinema shows the truth.

The concern of bitterness and humiliation for the people belonging to a certain community is inevitable. At one point of time in history, every community faced threats and violence from foreign power, but this is the harsh reality. That it happened, and all the humiliation we faced have to be accepted as a hard truth of scientific history, and instead of trying to fabricate or delete it we must instead learn it thoroughly and prepare for the worst in the future. The fact does not change if you decide to not believe in it, gravity exists even if you choose not to believe in it. So, we have come to this question, is it better to live happily believing in a lie or live miserably believing in a fact?

One must sit down and ponder whether things were better during the ancient period, where people lived together with religious and racial differences, while of course tensions are inevitable but not as high as today. It cannot be denied that technological advancements have rapidly taken place all over the globe including our nation, but this is where the knowledge of difference between technology and humanity must once again be stressed upon. A person who knows plentiful on computers but have no moral character is no advanced individual. Thus, in the ancient age people had certain level of character and sagely wisdom. Today, people have been corrupted both in terms of humanity and scientific knowledge, the worst of these is the manipulation of scientific experiments for religious propaganda. In recent times, a group of scientists experimented the purity level of the holy Ganga River and released that, it is clean enough to be consumable. These, even fools know that its absurd because it is clearly contaminated, but because of religious grounds, the scientific results are manipulated.

Our great rivals in the North have released its latest air fighting machine while we are stuck here fighting against each other's religion. I fear that before foreign forces destroy us, we will destroy ourselves. Earth fears that an alien species might invade and destroy us but we as Indians have taken this to a lower level. We do not even need to fear a foreign nation, let alone a foreign unearthly force, we must fear ourselves. We take pride in our diversity, full of vibrant languages, dresses, food, and even racial looks. Foreigners also take awe in our rich diverse nation, but I must once again assert this thought, will it be better for us to be all the same with the same religion, ethnic look, cuisine, and language? rather than being different in all these fields? Will it not

promote equality to a high degree if we shared the same features? Looking at our neighbours China in the North, the people there share the same Chinese culture, and they have advanced tremendously and again, the tension that rises amongst them is because of the differences or diversity we see in regions like Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Maybe the solution to these problems is the education of all the nation's citizen. Once they know, they will not be easily manipulated into getting dragged into senseless religious or anything that might promote divisional war. At the same time, it might aggravate it further because educated people tend to promote uniqueness in the form of differences which leads to nationalism and ultimately fight for separateness.

Now we turn our attention to the tribals of Northeast India where Christianity had made its way around the 19th century, leading to the Christianisation of these tribes in contrast to the Hindu citizen of other parts of India. Yet again, religion plays a role in division, the feeling of differentiation with their Hindu comrades led to numerous independence movements in these parts of the country. However, that is not the topic of discussion for this segment but the criticism on present-day Christianity in these Northeastern States which will be philosophical in nature rather than political.

Holy books like the Bible should not be taken literally which many have done so and thus caused segregation inside the church body, which led to the birth of denominations. The holy books are a work of literature and should be read like one, many read it like it is an empirical document. How literature like Shakespeare is read, so must the holy books be read. One person reads a particular text and thinks that his interpretation of that text is the solid truth, one good example is the long never-ending argument on the Trinity. The Pentecostals quote one part of the Bible and claim that the concept of the Trinity is invalid while the other Christian denominations quote another part of the Bible and claim it is valid. This then leads to tensions between churches and leaves behind a bitter trail which is picked up by the next generations, which leads to further interpretation of the texts and soon the society sees the birth of stereotypes, and some get ashamed of belonging to that denomination. Why must you be ashamed of what you believe is true? Or is it that you do not have a choice but to follow the denominational beliefs of your parents? One clownlike incident was when a church leader got into a heated argument with his fellow leaders and decided to break away, to form another denomination just for the sake of hurting his colleagues' feelings. However,

after a while he returned to the fold, after the damage was dealt. I don't know what is more hilarious, him returning, or his followers who took his doctrine seriously and established a functioning church.

The scripture is a work of literature, and if you know the New Testament, you will know that Jesus usually spoke in metaphorical terms like when he said, "you must be born again to enter Heaven", or when he said, "if you follow me, you must hate your father and mother". These are metaphorical sentences which can be dangerous if Christians take it literally and thus, I fear it is for this reason that leaders interpret the scripture as they understand, which leads to fragmentation of once unified church. If I may quote St. Paul, "Has Jesus been torn and divided".

A century passed and we see the hold of Christianity in Northeastern states slowly dwindle away, some might take it as the rise of renaissance or enlightenment, but the truth is so far away. Now, worship and devotion are merely a nominal practice that we do it for the sake of doing it. The people follow Christianity, but not as a spiritual idea but as a cultural norm. We go to church and take part in religious activities, because it is part of our culture and a habit, rather than it being a sincere worship to God. The influence of western media as well as other Asian cultures have penetrated and distorted our way of living. Through western media, we believe that having intercourse before marriage is normal and in fact shameful if you are a virgin in this current world. We have taken the idea of western superiority and adopted their ideal, so much so that we insult those who do not indulge in debauchery like alcohol, tobacco and even having sex. Hypocrisy have overtaken us.

On the other, Christianity has stagnated our progress. Right from the Medieval age when the Catholic church had immense power, they would persecute those who would take endeavours in the scientific field who discovered groundbreaking truths and inventions. Like Kepler, who was persecuted for discovering that the sun occupies the centre of the solar system, while the Earth and the other planets revolves around the sun. The sole dependence on prayer and the church, while ignoring the scientific solutions was nonsensical, but today thankfully people are open to scientific understandings, rather than solely having faith on intangible matters like prayer. Maybe this is because nations who embrace science were going ahead of their rivalling nations and thus living no choice but to embrace it as well. We must understand the different spheres of religion and science, and we must learn to not mix our emotions of the other when dealing with the other.

The Christian teaching have us fooled by making us believe that being rich is a sin. Parables like the rich man and Lazarus, as well as Jesus's saying, "it is easier for a camel to go through an eye of the needle then a rich man entering heaven. I would rather call this a lazy doctrine Christians have come up with, for the hardworking will be rich, as so they deserve it. When the poor Christian crowd sees a rich family, they content themselves by quoting "it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle". Whereas as they do not realize, their laziness has barricaded them from greatness which the rich have overcome so by working hard. When they suffer from financial needs, they take pride in it by believing that they are suffering for God, and it is a privilege. I call this lazy argument, just pick up a shovel and start your work, if you want food on your table.

The religious mass, whether it be Christians or Muslims or Hindus today, are all mostly show. I cannot speak much of the non-Christians because I am not exposed to their lifestyle as much as the Christians. Now, why do you deem necessary that the amount you contributed to the church be announced so audibly, that even Hades shakes? Why do you find the need to best the other donator's amount? Everything is a show! Why are you worried about why your neighbour was not seen in church this morning? Why do you force your child to go to church because you fear what others will say and not because you fear for your child's piety?

The idea of faith is terrifying because Christians in northeast India put full faith in religion, and are lazy to strive for world changing endeavours. Because what is the point of all those achievements, if you die and God will judge you to Heaven or Hell. This is one reason I believe that we cannot produce civil servants anymore, apart from being very lazy, they are engrossed with the church and its faith that they discard all worldly understanding, for a hope of uncertain future.

Further still, people believe that engaging in church activities is beneficial and moral, comparing to entertainments like going to a club or hanging out with friends, watching television. People fail to understand that church activities is also a form of entertainment people fall to sometimes to escape boredom. People engage in church activities which includes socializing with people, singing together, dancing together, cooking, and so on. It is very easy to forget the piety section of the activity, and I have seen many, getting entangled to the point of being engrossed. Most common examples are when members find some love interest and use it as a means, which I will not stress further. Additionally, many have neglected their other works like academics because they are

addicted to these church activities. Bottom line is this, church activities can turn into entertainment hub and thus, parents should be vigilant about their children's indulgence with the church.

Indeed, if there is an afterlife, will I burn forever in this lake of fire which is meant for the Darkest Angel and his minions? Why would I who was not born through my will be sentenced to judgment of eternity? a better question would be, if human lifespan is around 70-80 years, is it fair that a person be thrown to this place of endless suffering, where he will be tormented forever? Is not forever a little too much for a person living 80 years, is not the concept of Justice corrupted here? If indeed we inherited this moral conscience and the idea of Justice from God our creator, I must raise this statement that, eternity of hell for a mortal who lived an unholy life of 80 years on this physical realm is absurd.

Yet again, my fellow Christians tell me to not question the holy scripture and do what it says without further questions asked. Do you not once think that maybe during the Medieval period, when only the Clergy had access to the holy scripts have manipulated a little of it?

Christianity is dead, we have treated it as a part of culture and not a spiritual devotion. While some faithful still remain, but for how long? Will God finally send down his meteor when the last true believer dies like he did on Sodom and Gomorrah?